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SUBJECT: KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA

A. STATE 259571; B. YAOUNDE 3615

1. DURING CALL ON ROK AMBASSADOR YOON TODAY, HE TOLD ME IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY FROM SEOUL WOULD ARRIVE IN YAOUNDE WITHIN ONE OR TWO DAYS. HE HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT FOR ENVOY WITH PRESIDENT AHIDJO. IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN KEUTCHA (REF B), HE WAS TOLD BY GURC PROTOCOL THAT KEUTCHA MIGHT BE VERY BUSY DURING NEXT FOUR OR FIVE DAYS. YOON STILL CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY GURC CHANGED VOTE IN FAVOR NORTH KOREA AND THINKS ONLY POSSIBLE EXPLANATION MUST BE CONNECTED WITH NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY'S VISIT HERE OCTOBER 21-25, POSSIBLE OFFER SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC AID, PERHAPS ADDITIONAL PRC AID. (NOTE: NORTH KOREAL DEL, LED BY VICE FONMIN
DJEUN MYONG SON WAS RECEIVED BY AHIDJO, PAID COURTESY CALLS ON MINISTERS, HELD SEPARATE SEVERAL-HOUR WORKING SESSIONS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY AND AT MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND PLAN, AND WAS GIVEN DINNER HOSTED BY LATTER'S ACTING-MINISTER.)

2. I TOLD YOON OF CONVERSATION WITH ETIAN ELLEIH ELLE, DIRECTOR
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OF AFRICAN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS OF GURC FOREIGN MINISTRY, DURING

ALGERIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION NOVEMBER 1. ELLEIH ELLE, ANTICIPATING MY QUESTION ABOUT KOREAN VOTE, TOLD ME THAT QUOTE GOOD NEW FACTS UNQUOTE HAD COME INTO PICTURE. TO MY QUESTION ABOUT THESE NEW FACTS, HE REPLIED BY ASKING WHETHER I HAD READ GURC PERMREP'S SPEECH IN COMMITTEE, WHICH I HAD NOT. (FOR USUN: WOULD APPRECIATE SPEECH IF AVAILABLE.) ELLEIH ELLE THEN CITED WELL KNOWN GURC PRINCIPLES, FIRST NATIONAL UNITY, SECOND OPPOSITION TO STATIONING OF FOREIGN TROOPS. HE SAID UN COMMAND SHOULD BE DISSOLVED FIRST, THEN ROK WOULD BE FREE TO MAKE AGREEMENT WITH US ON STATIONING TROOPS. WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT TROOPS ALREADY THERE UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENT, HE LAMELY SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE BETTER IF AGREEMENT FOLLOWED DISSOLUTION OF UN COMMAND. HE THEN EMPHASIZED THAT NORTH KOREA HAD REPEATEDLY PROMISED IT WOULD NOT INVADE OR USE FORCE AGAINST ROK, AND WHEN SOMEONE MAKES THIS KIND OF PROMISE, GURC BELIEVES. I ASKED WHY, IF NORTH KOREA SO PEACEFUL, THEY ENGAGE IN PRACTICES LIKE TUNNEL DIGGING UNDER DMZ. ELLEIH ELLE SAID ROK FONMIN HAD TOLD GURC FONMIN KEUTCHA IN NEW YORK ABOUT TUNNELS. KEUTCHA HAD ASKED FOR PROOF, NONE HAD BEEN SUPPLIED. I SAID I HAD SEEN PICTURES AND WOULD TRY TO SUPPLY COPIES. (FOR DEPT: PLEASE SUPPLY PHOTOS.) ELLEIH ELLE THEN CLAIMED THAT IF SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE WERE GIVEN FREE CHOICE, THEY WOULD OPT FOR COMMUNISM. I DISPUTED THIS. YOON, EVEN BEFORE I MENTIONED THIS PART OF CONVERSATION WITH ELLEIH ELLE, CALLED HIM COMMUNIST.

3. YOON IS TRYING TO LOCATE COPIES OF TUNNEL PHOTOS, BUT WE BELIEVE US PHOTOS WOULD BE MORE IMPRESSIVE IF PRESENTED BY US AT MEETINGS WITH KEUTCHA AND SENGAT KUO FOR WHICH WE HAVE ASKED. ACTION REQUESTED: SEND COPIES OF TUNNEL PHOTOS, AND TEXT OF GURC/PERMREP'S STATEMENT DURING COMMITTEE DEBATE. SPIRO

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